

REMARKS

Applicants hereby submit the discussed amended claims pursuant to a telephone conference call with Dr. Celine X. Qian on July 2, 2003, July 7, 2003, and July 8, 2003. It is Applicants' understanding that these claims, as amended, are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants note that the Form PTO-1449 that was submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 16, 2003 has not been initialed and returned, and hereby request that it be initialed and returned with the next Office action.

Enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final Office action for one month, to and including July 12, 2003, and a check in payment of the required extension fee.

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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